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Media Advisory
Syracuse VA Medical Center
Veterans Day Events
Friday November 9, 2012

Syracuse, NY- The Syracuse VA Medical Center is planning a series of very special events and activities to celebrate Veterans Day 2012 with patients, families and staff. The events will take place throughout the day **on Friday, November 9th** in the Medical Center Auditorium located on the ground floor. All the events are open to the public. They include:

8:00 AM: Opening Ceremonies

Posting of the Colors-UAW Color Guard

Welcome-Paco Valle, USAF, Ret.

National Anthem-Laurence Jasper, USA Veteran

Bagpiper-Shannon Kennedy, USA, Veteran

Presentation of Honor Tables-Paul Denis, USN, Ret. and Peter Taylor, USA Veteran

Benediction-Dwayne Williams, USA Veteran- Onondaga Nation Elder

9:00 AM: Marine Corps Birthday Celebration!

Color Guard-Rome/Emerald City/Syracuse Marine Corps Leagues

Welcome-Robert Mclean, USMC, Lt. COL, Ret.

Gen Lejeune's Message

Cake Cutting Ceremony-Active Duty Marines/Oldest/Youngest

Guest Speaker-William McGowan, USMC, Msgt. Ret.

Marine Corps Hymn

Benediction

Refreshments

11:30 AM: Tribute to Women Veterans

Welcome-Mary LaRussa, Women Veteran Program Manager

Pledge-Heather Closson USAF Reserve

Welcome-Mr. James Cody VAMC Director

Guest Speaker-Phyllis Mills Creamer 1st Lt. US Army Nurse Corps WWII **(see below)**

Closing Comments-Mary LaRussa

Refreshments

1:00 PM: Military Culture Class

Learn more about the Veterans we serve

2:00 PM: Movie: Red Tails (the untold story of the Tuskegee Airmen)

Movie and free fresh popped popcorn

4:00 PM: Closing

Bagpiper: "Taps"

Interview Opportunity

Name: Phyllis Mills Creamer age 91

Born in Kane, PA 8/29/1921; raised in Penn Yan, NY; graduated from Syracuse General School of Nursing

Entered the Army Nurse Corps December, 1943 from Ft. Dix, NJ; basic training in Atlantic City, NJ.

Sailed from NYC on the Queen Elizabeth to establish 160th General Medical Corps near Cheltenham, England in the Cotswolds; the largest US Army hospital in the ETO.

Sailed back to Ft. Dix in late 1945 on the Queen Mary; honorable discharge as 1st Lieutenant in early 1946.

Studied public health at SU under GI Bill and worked at VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) in Syracuse until married in 1947.

Retired from SU's Student Health Service in 1987 after 12 years as triage and allergy nurse.

Valley VFW Post adjutant and commander

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